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# The Sprague

The purpose of this work is not to give a complete or an exhaustive history of the Sprague Families who settled in America, but to briefly record their origin as descended from Edward Sprague of England, whose three sons emigrated to this country during the year 1628-9. Also, to furnish brief genealogies of three of his sons, particularly that of William who settled in Charlestown and Hingham, Mass.

The Spragues descended from good old Anglo-Saxon and English stock, have an honorable history of more than 300 years, and are worthy of a more extended mention than the limits of this work.

We make several extracts from the genealogy of the families collated by the late Hosea Sprague of Hingham, published by him in the year 1828, for which the compiler is much indebted for that which is found in this work relating to Edward and his three sons.

Edward Sprague, of England, the date of his birth is not given, was a resident of Upway, county of Dorset, and a fuller by trade. He married Christiana, the family name, date of birth and marriage not given, and by whom he had these six children.

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| 1 RALPH, | 4 RICHARD, |
| 2 ALICE, | 5 CHRISTOPHER, |
| 3 EDWARD, | 6 WILLIAM. |

Ralph, Richard and William arrived at Naumkeag, (Salem,) in 1628-1629. They came over in the interest of the Massachusetts Bay Company, to prepare for a new colony, and "it was their decree that none but honest and Godly men should go over to settle."

In Prince's Chronology we read, "Among those who arrive at Naumkeag, are Ralph Sprague, with his brethren Richard and William, who, with three or four more, were by Governor Endicott employed to explore and take possession of the country westward. They travelled through the woods to Charlestown, on a neck of land called Mishawum, between Mystic and Charles rivers, full of Indians named Aberginians, with whom they made peace."

Hon. Edward Everett, in his address commemorative of the bi-centennial of the arrival of Winthrop at Charlestown, in speaking of the three brothers, Ralph, Richard and William Sprague, said, "they are the founders of the settlement in this place, and were persons of substance and enter-

prise, excellent citizens, generous public benefactors, and the head of a very large and respectable family of descendants."

Ralph Sprague was about twenty-five years old when he came to this country. He had four sons, John, Richard, Samuel and Phineas, and a daughter Mary, who married Daniel Edmands.

John and Richard were born in England.

On the 23rd of September, 1630, Ralph was one of a jury empanneled. This seems to have been the first jury in Massachusetts.

Ralph Sprague was a lieutenant in the Train Band. In 1631, Captain Richard Sprague commanded a company of the Train Band, and on Friday of each week exercised his command at a convenient place near the Indian wigwams.

Feb. 10, 1634-5, the famous town order creating a Board of Selectmen was passed, Richard and William Sprague, among others, signed this order. —*Memorial History of Boston.*

Richard Sprague left no posterity. "His sword, which is mentioned in his brother William's will, is preserved in one of the old Sprague houses in Hingham. (1828.)

Edward Sprague died in 1614.

We append his Will, Inventory of his Estate, and their probation, as a matter of history in these annals.

## Will of Edward Sprague of England.—1614.

THE VIth day of June in the year of our Lord God, 1614. **In the Name of God, Amen.**

I, EDWARD SPRAGUE of Upway in the County of Dorset, fuller, being sick and weak of body, but well and perfect in mind, thanks be given unto Almighty God, do ordain and appoint this my last Will and Testament to be made in manner and form following. That is to say, first of all, I do bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my saviour and redeemer, and my body to be buried within the church yard. As for such temporal goods as God hath blessed me withall, I give and bequeath as hereafter follows: viz. I give unto the parish church of Upway ten shillings.

*Item*—I give unto the poor of the said parish of Upway ten shillings.

*Item*—I give unto Ralph Sprague my eldest son one of the oldest pair of shears in my shop and one lesser pair called the quarrell.

*Item*—I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Alice Sprague fifty pounds, to be paid within one year after my decease.

*Item*—I give and bequeath unto Edward Sprague my second son, two pairs of shears and twenty pounds to be paid likewise within one year after my decease.

*Item*—I give and bequeath unto Richard Sprague my third son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be one and twenty years of age.

*Item*—I give and bequeath unto Christopher Sprague my fourth son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be of the age of one and twenty years.

*Item*—I give and bequeath unto William Sprague my youngest son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be of the age of one and twenty years.

All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give and begueath unto Christian [Christiana] Sprague my wife whom I do make my whole [sole] executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

**Memorand:** that if Richard Sprague, Christopher Sprague or William Sprague shall happen to die either of them before they shall be of the age of one and twenty years that then his legacy to be divided between the other two, or if two of them shall happen to die before they shall be of the age of one and twenty years, that then their legacies to remain to the other then living.

*Finally*, I do appoint Henry Samweys and Willia[m] Bryar overseers of this my last Will and Testament in presence of those whose names are underwritten.

JOHN BISHOPPE.

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JOHN × TAYLER.

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MEMORAND: that whereas, the living of the aforesaid Edward Sprague doth fall unto his son Ralph Sprague after his decease, the said Ralph Sprague doth upon his father's request promise that his mother Christian [Christiana] Sprague shall quietly enjoy the said living until he shall be one and twenty years of age.

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NOTE.

We are indebted to one of the descendants of the Sprague Family who settled in Malden, for the copy of this Will of Edward Sprague, the father of the Spragues, who came to Salem in 1628. The writing is distinct, and the parchment in fine preservation. In settling the estate of the late Capt. William Sprague, of Leicester, Mass., who died in 1832, it was found by the executrix of his Will, among many other papers, dated in Malden and Charlestown, from 1628 to 1675. This curiosity was never discovered by Capt. Sprague, and is highly valued by his children. His father's name was Joseph, who moved from Malden to Leicester.

## - Inventory. -

A true and perfect Inventory indented of all and singular the goods rightes, chattles and dets of Edward Sprague late of Upway in the county of Dorset, FULLER, deceased, made the sixth day of June, and appriced and valued by Thomas Leball, John Sellar, Willia[m] Bryar and Francis George, as followeth, viz. 1614.

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| **Imprimus,** his wearing Apparell, - - | iii | |
| Item, a piece of Russet cloth, - - - - - | i | |
| Item, two beds furnished, - - - - - | iii | |
| Item, one coverled and a carpet, - - - | i | |
| Item, ten pair of sheets, board cloths, with two pair of pillow byes, and six table napkins, | iiii | |
| Item, thirteen silver spoons, - - - - - | ii | x |
| Item, one cupboard, nineteen pewter vessels, three candle sticks, and three salts, - - | ii | x |
| Item, four coffers, one chest, two chairs and a flasket, | | xvi |
| Item, a sword and dagger, - - - - - - | | vii |
| Item, two other beds furnished, - - - - | ii | |
| Item, mill, - - - - - - - - - - | i | x |
| Item, a sack of wheat and a sack of malt, | i | x |
| Item, iron ropes, with other old yron [iron,] - | i | |
| Item, one willow, four old tubs with a hedlop, - | | vi |
| Item, one table, board and cupboard, - - | | x |
| Item, five barrels, with other timber vessels, - | ii | |
| Item, two frying pans, one spit, two andyrons, three pair of pothooks, with other kytchin stuff, | | x |
| Item, one and twenty brass vessels, - - | viii | |
| Item, butter and cheese, - - - - - - | i | vi |
| Item, a cheese press, a ladder tread, with other small implements, - - - - - | ii | |
| Item, four payer [pair] of fuller's shears with the shearbords and iron bar, beams, and scales and weights with other things at the mill, | iiii | |
| Item, three saddles, - - - - - - | | xv |
| Item, one pyge, [pig,] - - - - - - | i | |
| Item, seven kyne, with three yearlings, - | xx | |
| Item, one horse, - - - - - - - | iii | |
| Item, fourscore sheep and forty two lambs, | 40 | |
| Item, four acres and a half of corn, - - | viii | |
| Item, due unto the administratrix without specially, | xvi | x |
| Item, due upon bond, - - - - - - | 131 | vi |
| Suma totalissimus Inventury, | £cclviii | vi |

## Probation and Registration of the Will of Edward Sprague.

We, GEORGE, by Divine Providence, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan, make it known that on the 13th day of the month of October in the year of our Lord, 1614, at London, before that venerable man Sir John Benet, Knight and Doctor of Laws, custos or commissary of our prerogative court of Canterbury, due proof was made of the Will of EDWARD SPRAGUE, late of Upwaie in the county of Dorset, in the diocese of Bristol, of our province of Canterbury, deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his death, goods, rights and credits in the aforesaid diocese or peculiar jurisdiction.

Upon the production and proof of this same testament, the administration of all and singular, his goods, rights and credits, the accounts, calculations and reckonings of an administration of this sort having been heard without diminution from the same, are adjudged to pertain to us alone and not to any other judge inferior to us.

A commission was issued for administering all and singular, the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased and all things whatsoever contained in his will to CHRISTIANA SPRAGUE, widow of the said deceased and the executrix nominated in his Will, well and faithfully to administer the same and to make a full and true inventory of all and singular, the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to be brought into our prerogative court of Canterbury, on the 2nd day after the feast of St. Oblasus, bishop, and also to exhibit and return a full and true computation, calculation, or reckoning thereof.

Given on the year, day, and hour above written, and of our translation the fourth year.

EDMUND WOODHALL,

*Register.*

(Translated from the original Court Latin, in 1902.)

## First Generation of Spragues in America.

William Sprague of Charlestown and Hingham, planter, was born in England, and was the youngest son of Edward Sprague. He married Millesaint Eames, daughter of Anthony Eames.—She died February 8, 1695 or 1696.

He remained in Charlestown until 1636, eight years. His name is mentioned in all the town meetings, as a citizen thereof until January, 1635.

His wife, Millesaint, was admitted into the church in Charlestown in 1635, and his eldest son, Anthony, was baptized there May 23, 1636.

He came to Hingham in 1636, in a boat, and landed on the east side of the cove, on a lot of ground that was afterwards legally granted to him by the town, and was one of the first planters of the town, the name Bear Cove having been changed to Hingham, Sept. 3, 1635.

William Sprague's house lot was said to have been the pleasantest lot in Hingham; it was about two miles north of the Patent Line, which formerly divided the Old Massachusetts Colony from the Plymouth Colony. Many parcels of land and meadow, recorded in the "Old Grant Book," were given to him by the town, covering a period from 1636 to 1647. These gifts indicate the esteem in which he was held by his fellow townsmen.

January 30, 1645, he was one of seven men chosen in town meeting to order the prudential affairs of the town.

In 1662, he was disbursing officer for the town; was also constable, fence viewer, etc.

February 21, 1673, he deeded to his son, Anthony, certain land for six and thirty pounds of lawful money of New England, and nine pounds merchantable corn.

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## Second Generation.

Children of William and Millesaint Sprague.

1. Anthony, born Sept. 2, 1635, married Elizabeth Bartlett, daughter of Robert Bartlett of Plymouth. He was a large land owner in Hingham. His house was burned by the Indians, April 19, 1676. He died Sept. 3, 1719.

2. John, baptized in April, 1638, married Elizabeth Holbrook, Dec. 13, 1666. Land was given him by his father at Lyford River, called Sprague Island. He died in Mendon, Mass., in 1690.

3. Samuel, baptized May 24, 1640. He removed to Marshfield, Mass., where he was Secretary of the Colony and Register of Deeds before 1692. He was the great-grandfather of Hon. Seth Sprague of Duxbury.

4. Elizabeth, baptized May 2, 1641.

5. Jonathan, baptized March 20, 1642, died July 4, 1647.

6. Perses, baptized Nov. 12, 1643, married John Dogget.

7. JOANNA, baptized December, 1644, married Caleb Church, Dec. 16, 1667.

8. JONATHAN, born May 28, 1648, moved to Providence, R. I.

9. WILLIAM, baptized July 2, 1650, married Deborah Lane, Dec. 2, 1674, daughter of Andrew Lane. He was a Selectman in Hingham, in 1690, 1699, and 1708. He at a later date removed to Bridgewater.

10. MARY, baptized May 25, 1652, married Thomas King.

11. HANNAH, baptized Feb. 26, 1655, died March 31, 1658.

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Jonathan Sprague, of Hingham, Mass., and Providence and Smithfield, R. I., the fifth son of WILLIAM, the progenitor in America, born May 28, 1648, married Mehitable Holbrook, daughter of William and Elizabeth Holbrook. In 1682, he removed to Mendon, Mass. In 1675, his father died and left to him sixty acres of land in Providence, R. I., where he located before 1680. He was appointed, with others, by the Assembly to run the eastern line of the Colony.

Jonathan Sprague was evidently a man of strong character, was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of his town, and served frequently in public office. He was a member of the House of Deputies for sixteen years between

1695 and 1714; Speaker of the House in 1703, and member of the Town Council, eight years, from 1705 to 1712; Clerk of the Assembly in 1707. In 1703, he, with two others, was appointed to draw up the methods and proceedings of the Court of Common Pleas.

Of a decidedly religious bent, he professed the Baptist faith, and preached as an exhorter.—*Staples' Annals of Providence.*

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The following is the Will of William Sprague, the progenitor.

## - William Sprague's Will -

**In the Name of God, Amen.** The nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord God, One thousand, six hundred, seventy & five. I, WILLIAM SPRAGUE, senior, of Hingham, in New England, being sick in body, but yet of perfect memory; praised be almighty God! do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: Revoking, and, by these presents, making void, and of no force, all and every will and wills heretofore by me made, and declared, either by word or writing, and this to be taken only, for my last will, and none other.

FIRST and principally, I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth, to be decently buried, at the discretion of my executor hereafter mentioned, hoping of salvation, both soul and body, by the mercies of God in the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ. And as for such temporal estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order, give and dispose the same in manner and form as followeth—that is to say:

*First*—I will that all those just debts and duties that I owe in right and conscience to any person whatsoever, shall be well

and truly contented and paid by my Executor hereafter named out of my Estate, with my funeral charges, which I will shall be first paid.

*Item*—I give and bequeath unto Millesaint Sprague, my loving wife, the sum of Ten Pounds in money, and one Cow and one Horse.

*Item*—I give unto the said Millesaint, my wife, ten pounds per annum during the term of her natural life, (to be paid to her by my son, William Sprague, which I have reserved for her, as may fully appear by a deed of gift under my hand and seal to my said son, William, of my house and several lands and commons, as is therein expressed,) and the summering and wintering of one cow and one horse, and the use of one half of my dwelling house, and half the orchard, according as I have reserved upon the said deed of gift.

*Item*—I give unto Millesaint, my said wife, thirty & five pounds, which is due from me by my son, Anthony Sprague, to be paid five pounds a year till the whole be paid : that is to say, in case my said wife live till all the said payments be made to her : but if my wife decease, before all the said payments of thirty & five pounds be made, then my mind and will is, that what is remaining unpaid of the said thirty & five pounds at my wife's decease, shall be divided equally amongst all my children hereafter named, that is to say : my son Anthony Sprague, my son Samuel Sprague, my son William Sprague, my daughter, Perses Doggett, the wife of John Doggett, Joanna Church, the wife of Caleb Church, and Mary King, the wife of Thomas King, every one of them to have part and part alike.

*Item*—I give unto Mellesaint, my said wife, all my household stuff and furniture, linen, woolen, and utensils of household whatsoever, for and during the term of her natural life : and after my wife's decease my mind and will is, that it shall be divided amongst all my aforesaid children, every one of them to have part and part alike. And all my cattle not before given in this my will, to be immediately after my decease, disposed of by my Executor, as followeth ; that is to say : to

my son William Sprague two steers three years old and the [?] and one cow; and all the rest of my cattle to be equally divided among the rest of my children aforenamed, every one of them to have part and part alike.

*Item*—I give and bequeath unto Anthony Sprague, my SWORD, which was my brother Richard Sprague's, and one of my biggest *pewter platters*, and twenty shillings in money; which, with what I have given him before, in Land and other things, and his part of my household stuff and cattle, after the decease of myself and my wife, as is afore expressed, I judge a sufficient portion for him.

*Item*—I give unto my son John Sprague, a piece of salt marsh, lying at Lyford's liking river, in Hingham, containing two acres and a half, be it more or less, which was given me by the town of Hingham, to enjoy to him, and his heirs and assigns forever. And I do give unto my son John Sprague my searge suit of apparel, which with a Neck of Upland, called Sprague's Island, lying by the aforesaid meadow which I formerly gave to him, I judge a sufficient portion for him.

*Item*—I give unto my son Samuel Sprague my cloth coat, which was my brother's, and one of my biggest *pewter platters*.

*Item*—I give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan Sprague, threescore acres of Land, lying in the bounds of the township of Providence, in New England, which I lately purchased of John Dexter, of the said Providence; which said threescore acres of Land, I do give to my son Jonathan during the term of his natural life; and after his decease unto his heirs male, lawfully begotten of his body, lawfully begotten or to be begotten: and for want of such heirs, the said threescore acres of Land to return to the next heirs of the Spragues descended from me. Also, I give unto my said son Jonathan Sprague my best cloth suit of apparel.

*Item*—I give unto William Sprague one feather bed, which he used to lodge upon when he lived with me, and one of my biggest *pewter platters*.

*Item*—I do make and ordain Millesaint Sprague, my loving wife, my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I the said William Sprague have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day above written.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE,
and a seal.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the above said Willliam Sprague, senior, to be his last will and testament, in presence of us wetnesses.

DANIEL CUSHING, sen.
MATTHEW CUSHING.

Daniel Cushing, sen., and Daniel Cushing, Jr., appeared before JOHN LEVERETT, Esq., Governor, etc.

He died October 26, 1675.

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## Third Generation.

Children of Jonathan and Mehitable Sprague.

1. JONATHAN, born —, a resident of Providence and Smithfield. Married Bethiah Mann, Nov. 28, 1699. She was born March 12, 1683. Died April 6, 1712. He married 2nd, Hannah Hawkins, widow of Stephen Hawkins. He died April 22, 1764.

2. WILLIAM, born ~~——~~ 1691, a resident of Smithfield, R. I. He bore the rank of Captain in 2nd Regiment Providence Co. Militia in 1732, Smithfield being a part of Providence before 1730, when the territory was set off and the town of Smithfield incorporated. To this date, the town of Providence extended north to the Massachusetts line. He m. Alice Brown Sept 16, 1714. She was born May 31, 1691. M. 2d wife Mary Walling and 2 d. [illegible]

In the History of Woonsocket, R. I., formerly

a part of Smithfield, page 203, we read, "For upwards of a century the Spragues were prominent actors in the religious and political history of old Smithfield."

August 31, 1738, he deeded "the land whereon the Baptist meeting-house stands, to certain persons, for and in consideration of a meeting-house by my leave and consent already erected and built for the worship of God, by my honored father, Jonathan Sprague, James Ballou, James Walling and Richard Sprague, with the help of self and some others."

Dec. 15, 1740, he deeded to his daughter, Sarah Sly, and her husband, William, for love, etc., eleven and one half acres.

Dec. 20, 1750, he deeded for love, etc., to dutiful and obedient son Joshua, half of land in Smithfield and Cumberland, 300 acres, and dwelling-house on easterly part of homestead on the intervale on the west side of Pawtucket River, also half the barn.

Feb. 9, 1754, he and his son made a division of lands above deeded.

May 21, 1762, he bought of his son, Joshua, and the latter's wife, Abigail, for $1250.00, certain lands.

April 15, 1768, he deeded for love, etc., to dutiful grandsons, Elias and Nehemiah Sprague, and for "my honorable maintenance, all my homestead

where I dwell." (*Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island.*)

3. PATIENCE, married William Jenks. He was born in 1675, and died Oct. 2, 1765. They had ten children.

4. JOANNA, married John Tefft, who died in 1762. She died in 1757. They had eleven children.

5. MARY, married Daniel Brown. They had six children.

6. ——, married Ebenezer Cook.

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## Fourth Generation.

Children of Captain William Sprague.

1. SARAH, married William Sly.

2. JOSHUA, married Abigail ——. These two being recorded.

Careful investigation renders it probable that he had another son, NEHEMIAH, and who probably died before his father, William.

According to the printed records of Smithfield, R. I., "Nehemiah Sprague, son of Nehemiah," was there married, by David Mowry, Jr., Justice, May 26, 1770, to Alice Bassett of Glocester. Elias was a brother of Nehemiah, and married Mercy Bassett, a sister of Alice.

A Nehemiah Sprague of Smithfield, R. I., was married in 1738, by David Comstock, Justice, to Mary or Mercy Brown.

## Fifth Generation.

In all probability Elias and Nehemiah were sons of Nehemiah, and they were certainly "dutiful grandsons" of Capt. William, to whom he deeded his homestead "for his honorable maintenance, etc.," April 15, 1768, the year he died.

Elias and Nehemiah were farmers, and members of the Society of Friends.

Elias was born in Smithfield, R. I., June 16, 1744. Married Aug. 5, 1764, by Stephen Sly, Justice, to Mercy Bassett, daughter of Joseph Bassett of Glocester, R. I. She was born Oct. 25, 1744. Elias moved to Douglas, Mass., not later than 1788, at which date he deeded his homestead in Smithfield, R. I., for £390 silver money.

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## Sixth Generation.

Children of Elias and Mercy Sprague.

1. Jonathan, born Dec. 9, 1765.
2. Theodate, born Jan. 4, 1768.
3. Amy, born Oct. 6, 1769.
4. Benjamin, born April 10, 1771.
5. Lavina, born Aug. 12, 1773.
6. Stephen, born Nov. 18, 1775, married Olive Seagrave.
7. Preserved, born Oct. 17, 1777, married.
8. Thankful, born Oct. 19, 1779.
9. William, June 3, 1782.
10. Alice, born Aug. 29, 1784.
11. Elias.
12. Lucina.
13. (Unnamed.)

Elias Sprague died in Douglas, Mass., February 15, 1799.

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### Nehemiah and Alice Sprague.

Nehemiah was born in Smithfield, R. I., Jan. 20, 1750, was married by Daniel Mowry, Justice, May 26, 1770, to Alice Bassett. Their children :

1. Phoebe, born Jan. 27, 1771.
2. Amy, born Oct. 7, 1773.
3. Hosea, born June 1, 1775.

He died in Smithfield, R. I., Jan. 11, 1796.

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## Seventh Generation.

### Jonathan and Patience Sprague.

Jonathan, born in Smithfield, R. I., Dec. 9, 1765. He was twice married. His first wife was Patience Pixley, or Pidgesley, daughter of Robert Pidgesley of New Grafton, Mass. She was born Nov. 7, 1765. They were married by Peleg Arnold, Justice, in Smithfield, R. I., Aug. 12, 1785.

Children of Jonathan and Patience Sprague.

1. Sarah, born in Smithfield, R. I., Dec. 3, 1785.
2. Nehemiah, born in Smithfield, R. I.
3. Mercy, born in Douglas, Mass., Jan. 17, 1789.
4. Federal Constitution, born in Douglas, Mass., Oct. 16, 1790.
5. Amy, born in Douglas, Oct. 14, 1792.
6. Daniel, born in Douglas, Aug. 4, 1794.
7. Preserved, born in Douglas, April 4, 1796, died in childhood.

8. Lee, born in Douglas, Feb. 7, 1798.
9. Patience, born in Douglas, March 1, 1800.
10. Jonathan, Jr., born in Douglas, Oct. 6, 1801.

Jonathan Sprague died in Thompson, Conn., Oct. 29, 1815. Patience, his wife, died Dec. 14, 1801. They were buried in the Friends' burying ground in South Douglas.

Jonathan, senior, married, 2d, Kezia Torrey, daughter of Daniel and Kezia Torrey of Sutton, Mass. She was born there, April 19, 1770, and died in Douglas, Mass., May 10, 1844. They had these children :

11. Almira, born in Douglas, May 4, 1803.
12. Philinda, born in Douglas, June 30, 1805.
13. Elias, born in Douglas, March 27, 1807.
14. Emeline. Never married.

Jonathan Sprague[6] had 96 grandchildren.

## Eighth Generation.

Sarah Sprague, daughter of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, born in Smithfield, R. I., Dec. 3, 1785, married in Douglas in 1806 to Benjamin Chase of Douglas, who was born there Sept. 7, 1786, and moved to Whitingham, Vt., in February, 1815, Their children :

1. Sumner, born April 21, 1807, married Roxana Faulkner. He died Feb. 21, 1882.
2. Jemina, born in December, 1809, married Prentiss B. Putnam. She died in June, 1889.
3. Merrick, born Dec. 13, 1811, married Maria Brigham. He died June 3, 1889.
4. Abraham, 1st, born ——, died in 1818.

5. Abraham, born Jan. 5, 1820, married Catherine Reed.
6. Luana, born Feb. 21, 1821, died Sept. 3, 1854.
7. Royal, born Aug. 3, 1827, married Maryette Howard. He died Feb. 10, 1899.

Benjamin Chase died in Whitingham, Vt., Apr. 27, 1863. His wife, Sarah, April 5, 1869.

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Nehemiah, son of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, born in Smithfield, R. I., June 17, 1787, married Patty Farnum of Douglas, Mass. Their children :

1. Sally, married Abner Trim.
2. Ardelia, married Marshall Harrington.
3. Farnum, married Harriet F. Jepson, March 4, 1843.
4. Patience, married David Braton.
5. Jonathan, married 1st, Sally Tyler ; 2d, Jane Wilcox ; 3rd, Lucy Tuttle.
6. Nehemiah, married Rachel Jepson.
7. Manning, married Fanny Willard.
8. Charlotte, married Samuel Tyler.
9. Francis, married Caroline Rice.

He married 2nd, Nancy Johnson. No children.

Nehemiah Sprague died in Whitingham, Vt., Dec. 17, 1872. She died there.

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Mercy, daughter of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, born in Douglas, Mass., Jan. 7, 1789, married Aaron Buck. Their children :

1. Almira, born Oct. 10, 1809.
2. Clementine, born March 25, 1811.
3. Sarah Edwards, born May 10, 1813.

4. George Washington, born March 28, 1815.
5. Dianna, born Aug. 5, 1817.
6. Emily, born Oct. 10, 1819.
7. Alexander, born Sept. 15, 1821.
8. Olive H. W., born July 8, 1823.
9. John Chandler, born Feb. 14, 1828.
10. Philinda Whipple, born Jan. 2, 1831.

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Federal Constitution, son of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, born in Douglas, Mass., Oct. 16, 1790, married Betsey Gleason, Oct. 7, 1813. Their children :

1. Amy, born Oct. 4, 1815.
2. Edward Lee, born Sept. 4, 1817.
3. Nathan G., born Aug. 25, 1819.
4. William T., born May 31, 1822.
5. Lafayette, born Sept. 9, 1824, died July 6, 1825.
6. Betsey Ann, born May 23, 1826.
7. James Monroe, born Sept. 29, 1828.
8. Philander, } twins, born Dec. 21, 1833. Philinda
9. Philinda, } died July 12, 1861.
10. Elias, born Oct. 10, 1836, married Harriet E. Ladd, March 12, 1848.

Second Marriage.

11. Newton E., born June 11, 1850, died Feb. 3, 1856.
12. Delia G., born Oct 14, 1855.

He died in Douglas, June 6, 1867, his 1st wife, Betsey, Nov. 30, 1847.

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Amy, daughter of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, was born in Douglas, Mass., Oct. 14, 1792,

married Barney Buck, a twin brother of Aaron Buck who married her sister Mercy. Their children:

1. Warren.
2. Hiram.
3. Henry.
4. Caroline.
5. Abigail.
6. Barney.
7. Aaron.
8. William.

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Daniel, son of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, was born in Douglas, Mass., Aug. 4, 1794, married Eveline Cutter. She was born Feb. 16, 1801.—Their children:

1. Lucy Ann, born in July, 1818, married Judson Reynolds. Died in April, 1850.
2. Wm. Nelson, born March 13, 1819, died May 9, 1884
3. Angeline P., born March 28, 1821. Married Josiah Taft Seagrave.
4. George Washington, born Jan. 29, 1824. Married Harriet D. Knapp. She died in July, 1891.
5. Barton, born in January, 1827. Married 1st, Lydia Harris, and 2nd, Jemima Arnold.

He married a second time. No children.

He died June 24, 1864. She died Apr. 4, 1851.

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Lee, son of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, born in Douglas, Mass., Feb. 7, 1798. Married 1st, Olive How Williams, May 21, 1821, who was born in Pomfret, Conn., Nov. 27, 1803. She died in Ware, Mass., Nov. 11, 1822.

Married 2nd, Lucia Snow, daughter of Dea. Eli Snow and Alice Alden. Her father was in the

sixth generation from Nicholas Snow, who came to Plymouth in the ship "Ann," in 1623, and married Constance Hopkins, a "Mayflower" pilgrim. Lucia's mother, Alice Alden, was in the sixth generation from John Alden and Priscilla Mullines, who came over in the "Mayflower." Lucia Snow was born April 28, 1805, married in Ware, Mass., Sept. 8, 1824. She died in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 4, 1864.

Married 3rd, Mary A. Bradley, who was born July 20, 1808, married May 8, 1866. Deceased.

Children of Lee and Lucia Sprague.

1. Olive Williams, born in Ware, Mass., June 12, 1825, died in East Douglas, Mass.. Dec. 26, 1840.
2. Augustus B. R., born in Ware, Mass., March 7, 1827.
3. Caroline Florella, born in Ware, Mass., July 1, 1829. Died in East Jaffrey, N. H., Aug. 7, 1863.
4. Francis Henry, born in Ware, Mass., June 3, 1833, died April 13, 1834.
5. William Wirt, born in Ware, Mass., Feb. 8, 1835, died Aug. 20, 1837.
6. William Lee, born in East Douglas, Mass., Nov. 9, 1839, died Jan. 23, 1841.

Lee Sprague died in Worcester, Mass , Sept. 9, 1877.

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Patience, daughter of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, born in Douglas, March 1, 1800, married Mason Cutler, of East Thompson, Conn., in 1716. Their children:

1. Jonathan, born Sept. 15, 1817, died in 1848.

2. Julia Ann, born April 27, 1819, died in 1875.
3. Moses, born Nov. 4, 1820, died in 1849.
4. Russell, born Sept. 26, 1823.
5. Philinda, born June 22, 1825.
6. Rhoda Ann, born June 4, 1826.
7. Mason, born Aug. 4, 1828.
8. Louisa E., born June 7, 1833, died March 8, 1862.
9. Collins W., born Feb. 29, 1835.
10. Caroline E., born Jan. 27, 1836, died Aug. 8, 1886.
11. Clorinda H., born Nov. 16, 1842.
12. Emily A., born Nov. 23, 1846.

All married, aggregate forty-four grandchildren.

She died Oct. 31, 1870. He died May 5, 1879.

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Jonathan, Jr., son of Jonathan and Patience Sprague, born in Douglas, Mass., Oct. 6, 1801, married Mary Ann Whipple. Their children:

1. Welcome Whipple, born Jan. 16, 1828, died in New York City, in 1884.
2. Homer Baxter, born Sept. 19, 1829.
3. Frances Maria, born Sept. 13, 1831, died in July 1893.
4. Charles Augustus, born Feb. 24, 1834.
5. Solon Smith, born March 5, 1836, died in 1880.
6. Mary Ann, born Feb. 8, 1838, died Sept. 20, 1864.
7. Jonathan Almaran, born May 20, 1844, died in Newbern, N. C., Sept. 18, 1864.
8. Flora Emma, born Feb. 5, 1847.
9. Philinda, born Feb. 24, 1849, died Feb. 28, 1850.

He died in Sutton, Mass., in November, 1876. She died in the same town, in November, 1885.

Almira, daughter of Jonathan and Kezia Sprague, born in Douglas, Mass., May 4, 1803, married 1st, Virgil Whipple of East Douglas, Mass.; 2nd, married Daniel Seagrave, of Uxbridge, Mass., in 1845. She died in 1869. No children.

Children of Almira and Virgil Whipple.

1. Eliza Ann, born Nov. 22, 1823, died Nov. 17, 1832.
2. Amy Angeline, born June 1, 1828, died Jan. 7, 1833.

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Philinda, daughter of Jonathan and Kezia Sprague, born in Douglas, Mass., June 30, 1805, married Cullen Whipple, a brother of Virgil, April 1, 1824. She died in East Douglas. They had one child:

Angeline, born March 13, 1833. Married William H. Shattuck. They resided in Providence, R. I.

Second Marriage.

Cullen Whipple married for a second wife, Mary Viall, by whom he had these two children:

1. George Cutler, born Sept. 17, 1843. He died Oct. 31, 1875.
2. Walter Trask, born July 16, 1849. He died March 5, 1873.

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Elias, son of Jonathan and Kezia Sprague, born in Douglas, Mass., March 21, 1807, married Lucy Adelaide Doane, in 1829. Their children:

1. Lucy Ann, born Jan. 18, 1831, in Massachusetts, and married —— Morehouse. She died Jan. 11, 1891.
2. Oliver, born March 2, 1834, in Bloomfield, Mich., in 1900, was living at Santa Rosa, Cal.

3. Elias C., born May 10, 1837, in Bloomfield, Mich., in 1900, was living in Cohoctah, Mich.
4. Angeline, born ——, died aged 5 years.
5. Almira Adaline, born in Brighton, Mich., July 11, 1843, married Henry Sowle.
6. Truman Alexander, born Nov. 6, 1845, in Brighton, Mich., married Lucinda Ackley. In 1900, they were living at Foulerville, Mich.
7. Warren Lee, born ——, died in infancy.

Second Marriage.

Elias Sprague married for a second wife, Emily Sheffield Lane, Sept. 14, 1848. Their children:

8. Homer Lee, born in October, 1853, in Brighton, Mich. Died April 6, 1889.
9. Joshua, born in 1852, in Cohoctah, Mich. Deceased.
10. Harriet Amelia, born Feb. 3, 1854, in Cohoctah, Mich., married —— Vaughn. Died in September, 1872.
11. Ophelia M., born in 1857, in Cohoctah, Mich., married —— Albright.
12. William Henry, born April 5, 1860, in Cohoctah, Mich.
13. Ransom Frederic, born in 1863, in Cohoctah, Mich.
14. Emma J., born in January, 1865, in Cohoctah, Mich., married —— Bixby.
15. Cora Viola, born March 27, 1867, in Cohoctah, Mich. married John Bohm.

He died in Cohoctah, Mich., March 16, 1883.

His first wife died previous to 1848.

## Ninth Generation.

Augustus B. R., son of Lee and Lucia Sprague, twice married. First, to Elizabeth Janes, daughter

of Samuel and Eliza Shepard Rice, who was born Jan. 25, 1826, and married Dec. 23, 1846. Their children, all born in Worcester, Mass.:

1. Samuel Augustus, born June 17, 1847, died May 12, 1848.
2. William Augustus, born May 11, 1850, died April 9, 1857.
3. Josephine Elizabeth, born Dec. 19. 1851, died Dec. 7, 1879.
4. Carrie Lee, born April 17, 1858, died Aug. 28, 1877.
5. Fred Foster, born Oct. 24, 1864.

His first wife died Feb. 20, 1889.

Second Marriage.

Married for his second wife, Mary Jennie Barbour, born Sept. 24, 1857, and married Oct. 23, 1890. Their only child,

Alice Alden was born Sept. 11, 1893.

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Caroline Florella, daughter of Lee and Lucia Sprague, born in Ware, Mass., July 1, 1829, and married Rev. Franklin D. Austin, at Worcester, Mass., in January, 1853. Their children:

1. Frank Lee, born in Tolland, Mass., March 16, 1855. Civil Engineer, graduated at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1877, died in April, 1897. He left these four children:
    1. Frank Clinton, born in Minneapolis, Minn., April 4, 1882.
    2. Caroline Isabel, born in Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 9, 1884.
    3. Florence Catharine. born in Minneapolis, Jan. 14, 1886.

4. Grace Julia, born in St. Paul. Minn., March 2, 1888.

2. Flora Lucia, born in East Jaffrey, N. H., Dec. 27, 1857, graduated at Mt. Holyoke, Mass. She died in St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 5, 1900.

3. Caroline Sprague, born in East Jaffrey, N. H., July 29, 1863. Graduated at Smith College, Mass.

Flora Lucia and Caroline Sprague Austin, for many years teachers in St. Paul (Minn.) High School.

Mrs. Caroline F. Austin died in East Jaffrey, N. H., Aug. 7, 1863.

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## Military and Civic Record.

The following persons served their country in the War of the Rebellion :

Augustus B. R. Sprague[8], son of Lee[7], entered the military service of the United States, April 19, 1861, and served three years and nine months, as Captain of Co. A, 3rd Batallion of Rifles, M. V. M.; Lt. Col. of the 25th Regiment of Mass. Vols.; Colonel of the 51st Regiment of Mass. Vols.; Lieut. Colonel and Colonel of the 2nd Mass. Heavy Artillery Vols.; and was brevetted Brigadier General "for gallant and meritorious services during the war."

Was Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic in 1868, and Junior Vice Com-Commander of the Commandery of Massachusetts of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Civic Record.

Was U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue of the 8th Mass. District for five years from March, 1867.

Was Sheriff of the County of Worcester from June, 1871 until 1890.

Served the City of Worcester in both branches of the City Government, and in December, 1895, was elected Mayor of Worcester, and re-elected the following year.

Is President of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank and of the Worcester Electric Light Co., etc.

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WELCOME W. SPRAGUE[8], son of Jonathan, Jr.,[7] Private in Co. A, 3rd Batallion of Rifles, M. V. M., April, 1861.; and Sergeant in Co. A, 25th Regiment of Mass. Vols. Discharged for disability, March 16, 1863.

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HOMER B. SPRAGUE[8], son of Jonathan, Jr.,[7] was Captain of Co. H, and Lieut. Colonel in the 13th Regiment, Conn. Vols. He served four years. Was taken a prisoner at the battle of Winchester, Va., and held for six months, and served subsequently with his regiment in the Department of the Gulf, and was wounded in the battle of Irish Bend, La.

He was brevetted Colonel for bravery at Port Hudson.

He is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

CIVIC RECORD.

Col. Sprague was graduated from Yale College in 1852, and educated as a lawyer and practised in Worcester, Mass. and New Haven, Conn., where he was at the breaking out of the war. He is a wellknown educator, writer and lecturer, and is the author of many literary publications.

He was the Principal of the Girls' High School in Boston for nine years; Professor in Cornell University, and President of the University of North Dakota. He holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of New York.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON SPRAGUE[8], son of Daniel[7], was a Sergeant in Co. I, 36th Regiment, Mass. Vols., and served three years.

ELIAS SPRAGUE[8], son of Federal Constitution[7], was a private in Co. D, 18th Regiment, Conn Vols., serving three years.

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EMENDATION.

PRESERVED SPRAGUE, son of Elias, married Joanna Trask. See page 19.

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